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SUBJECT: GOH REACTION TO RESULTS OF GUATEMALAN CHIEFS OF STATE
MEETING AND RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT OF VENEZUELA

REF: GUATEMALA 0327

1. POLOFF HAD CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY
ADVISOR VIRGILIO GALVEZ ON MORNING OF JANUARY 21 CONCERN-
ING GOH VIEW OF MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF HONDURAS,
GUATEMALA, EL SALVADOR AND NICARAGUA ON JANUARY 18. GALVEZ
SAID THAT THE DECLARATION OF SANTO TOMAS DE CASTILLO WAS
MODERATE IN TONE AND GENERALLY REFLECTED GOH VIEWPOINTS.
HE POINTED OUT THE DECLARATION TENDED TO FOLLOW THE VIEWS
PRESENTED BY THE GOH DELEGATION. HE REMARKED THAT THE
ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT ODUBER OF COSTA RICA WAS APPARENTLY
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CAUSED BY "ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES," BUT WONDERED

WHETHER ODUBER'S "IMMODERATE" STATEMENTS IN REGARD TO THE U.S. TRADE BILL HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH HIS FAILURE TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

2. GALVEZ ALSO SHOWED POLOFF LETTER BEING SENT TO PRESIDENT PEREZ OF VENEZUELA IN RESPONSE TO HIS LETTER TO CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ. THE LETTER CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

(A) AGREES THAT SOME PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 5 OF THE U.S. TRADE ACT ARE A MATTER OF CONCERN;

(B) POINTS OUT THAT THE ACT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN ITS TOTALITY BECAUSE IT OFFERS SUBSTANTIAL BENEFITS TO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES;

(C) RECONGIZES THAT THE U.S. CONGRESS REFLECTS THE CONCERN OF THE U.S. PUBLIC ON SUCH MATTERS AS INFLATION;

(D) COMMENTS THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY CAUSES OF INFLATION IS THE HIGH COST OF PETROLEUM WHICH AFFECTS MANY NATIONS;

(E) OBSERVES THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE RECOGNIZED DIFFICULTIES IN LAW AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO REMEDY SITUATION; AND

(F) EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR A DIALOGUE WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ALL AVAILABLE FORA.

3. GALVEZ REMARKED THAT THE PURPOSE OF DIPLOMACY IS TO CARRY ON A DIALOGUE TO REACH SOLUTIONS RATHER THAN TO CREATE SITUATIONS THAT LEAD TO DAMAGING CONFRONTATIONS. HE REMARKED THAT THE HASTY OVERREACTION OF VENEZUELA, ECUADOR AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO THE NEW TRADE BILL NEEDLESSLY COMPLICATES THE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS.

4. THE AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO CHIEF OF STATE LOPEZ ON JANUARY 20. LOPEZ STATED THAT HE IS PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING IN GUATEMALA AND HOPEFUL THAT A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE ON THE TRADE BILL IS POSSIBLE.

5. PRESS AND PRIVATE STATEMENTS ON THE GUATEMALA MEETING AND THE DECLARATION HAVE BEEN GENERALLY FAVORABLE. SANCHEZ

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